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SUBJECT: CANADIAN EMBOFF DISCUSSION OF CARPENTER  
TRAINING PROGRAMS, JAPANESE HOUSING, AND HONDA PROPOSAL

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1. SUMMARY: CANADIAN PLANS TO TRAIN CARPENTERS IN  
2X4 CONSTRUCTION RETHODS HAVE EVOLVED AWAY FROM  
CARPENTERS AND TOWARD EDUCATING BUILDERS AND SITE  
SUPERVISORS IN THE ECONOMICS OF THE METHOD. CANADIAN  
BUILDERS REFUSED TO ACCEPT "HONDA PROPOSAL" TO STATION  
JAPANESE WOOD STANDARDS OFFICIAL IN PACIFIC NW. PUBLIC  
DEMAND FOR CANADIAN HOMES BUILT FOR OSAKA WOOD PRODUCTS  
EXHIBITION, APRIL 19-30, HAS BEEN OVERWHELMING:  
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427 APPLICANTS FOR SEVEN HOMES. END SUMMARY.

2. EMBOFF MET WITH JOSEPH CARON, COMMERCIAL OFFICER FOR  
WOOD PRODUCTS, CANADIAN EMBASSY, TOKYO, TO DISCUSS  
THE JAPANESE-U.S. FOREST PRODUCTS TRADE. CARON PROVIDED  
INFORMATION CONCERNING CANADA'S PROGRAM FOR TRAINING  
JAPANESE IN PLATFORM FRAME CONSTRUCTION METHODS.

3. ALTHOUGH ORIGINAL PLAN IN 1975 WAS TO TRAIN CARPENTERS IN BRITISH COLUMBIA, CANADIANS FOUND THAT MOST PARTICIPATING JAPANESE FIRMS SENT SUPERVISORS, MANY OF WHOM HAD NEVER BEEN CARPENTERS. SINCE PARTICIPATING JAPANESE FIRMS PAID ALL TRAVEL AND OTHER EXPENSES, CANADA DID NOT OBJECT AND IN 1976 MODIFIED THEIR PROGRAM TO SUIT THE NEEDS OF SITE SUPERVISORS. IN 1977, OBJECTIVES WERE AGAIN CHANGED TO EDUCATE BUILDER-INVESTORS IN THE ECONOMICS OF PLATFORM FRAME CONSTRUCTION METHODS. CANADA FEELS THIS PROGRAM HAS BEEN USEFUL.

4. ANOTHER DEVICE WHICH CARON SAID HAS BEEN SUCCESSFUL IN INFLUENCING BUILDERS AND STRENGTHENING CONTACTS WITHIN THE INDUSTRY IS THE CANADIAN-JAPAN HOUSING COMMITTEE WHICH MEETS ALTERNATELY IN CANADA AND JAPAN EVERY 18 MONTHS. THIS COMMITTEE DISCUSSES BUILDING PROBLEMS, NEW PRODUCTS AND DEVELOPMENTS, AND HAS BEEN SUCCESSFUL IN MAINTAINING JAPANESE INTEREST IN NORTH AMERICAN BUILDING METHODS AND MATERIALS.

5. DISCUSSING THE U.S.-JAPAN TALKS, EMBOFF OUTLINED THE GOJ "HONDA PROPOSAL" TO STATION, AT PRODUCERS' EXPENSE, A JAPANESE WOOD STANDARDS OFFICIAL IN THE PACIFIC NW WHO WOULD CERTIFY U.S. AND CANADIAN WOOD STANDARD GRADERS AS QUALIFIED TO APPLY JAPANESE GRADING STAMPS ON LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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PRODUCTS DESTINED FOR JAPAN. CARON SAID THIS PROPOSAL HAD BEEN PRESENTED TO THE CANADIANS OVER A YEAR AGO AND THAT "AFTER STUDY" CANADIAN PRODUCERS HAD REJECTED IT AS FAR TOO COSTLY.

6. CARON ALSO MENTIONED THAT THE CANADIANS HAVE BUILT SEVEN OF THEIR "CARAVAN" HOUSES FOR THE OSAKA WOOD PRODUCTS EXHIBITION APRIL 19-30. SO FAR THEY HAVE HAD 427 APPLICANTS REGISTER TO BUY THE SEVEN HOUSES. MANSFIELD

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